

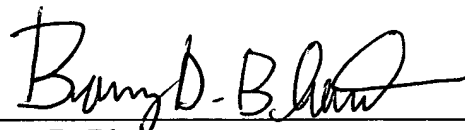
REMARKS

In a Requirement for Restriction issued on August 30, 2004, the Examiner restricted examination of claims 1-35 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner required the Applicant to elect between claims 16-25 (Group I), which claim a semiconductor process, and claims 1-15 and 26-35 (Group II), which claim a semiconductor device.

Although the Applicant does not concede the correctness of the Requirement to Restrict, the Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 1-15 and 26-35). Therefore, the Applicant has canceled the claims in Group I (claims 16-25) with traverse and without prejudice to the Applicant's right to include those claims in a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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